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BRITISH AIR STUNTS DEEDS OF DARING

Flier Tacks on Tail of Enemy Formation and Frustrates Its Purposes.

MANY THRILLING EXPLOITS

BY EDWARD PRICE BELL.

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LONDON, August 31.—Exciting stories of the exploits of British airmen during the present offensive in France reach me from authentic sources.

The pilot of a scout machine flying over the German lines was able, unperceived, to tail on behind a hostile formation of nine machines that was just leaving its own aerodrome and to follow it without being noticed till the German formation met a British artillery observation machine on a lower level.

German machines left the formation and dived to attack. Instantly following, the English pilot swooped down upon them and got in a burst from his machine gun which caused one of them to sidle into and interlock with its companion. Following them up he put in another burst which sent both crashing to the earth in flames.

Enemy Killed in Landing.

That night two British machines, detailed to watch the German aerodrome from which bombing machines worked, sighted another hostile machine preparing to land. The enemy maneuvered frantically to evade the nighthawks.

Round and round the aerodrome they circled. Finally, when low down one of the British pilots was able to bring his machine gun to bear on the German, who was killed when his blazing craft crashed to earth.

"Sausage" Set on Fire.

One afternoon the enemy, hard pressed by the allied troops and fearing for the safety of his balloons, began to move these back. A British scout sighted two being towed by horses.

Flying low a heavy fire was directed at him from the ground. Heedless of this he dived still lower and succeeded in setting one of the "sausages" on fire. He was driven from the remaining balloon by the increasing hail of bullets.

He then directed his attention to an anti-tank gun. The Germans were lumbered up, but his fire stamped their team. The gun was upset in a ditch.

By this time the pilot had been wounded twice, but noticing various infantry concentrations in the vicinity he attacked and dispersed them before returning to his aerodrome.

Elation Turned to Fight.

Another pilot seeing a party of Germans collected in the open descended to investigate. He found they were exulting over a British machine brought down in their line. A bomb released from a height of only 100 feet effectively dispersed them. After this he dropped three more bombs on other parties of troops near by.

During this performance his machine was so severely damaged that the pilot had to descend and alight. He was not, however, discouraged. He procured a rifle and put in some dismounted cavalry fighting before borrowing a horse and returning to his aerodrome.

Dog Fight in Air.

An American pilot attached to a British squadron was returning from a bombing raid with an English observer when attacked by two formations of enemy scouts. The first German machine to close was at once shot down in flames by the other which was attacking from the rear.

A regular dog fight ensued. In the course of the battle two more British machines were so damaged they spun downward, where they were seen to crash.

The British machine was badly shot up, but neither occupant was hit. The pilot was just able to land his worn craft safely behind our lines.

Observer in Ticklish Part.

One English two-seater on important reconnaissance work, in spite of a furious "archie" fire, remained over the position and got the desired information. At last a shot pierced the petrol tank. The petrol spouted out and saturated the pilot.

Realizing the danger of fire the observer climbed out on the lower plane and succeeded in plugging the hole with one of his gloves. Backing and side slipping to disconcert the gunners, the pilot headed for the British lines, still with his observer grimly clinging to the plane and holding the improvised plug in place. Here he remained until the pilot safely crossed the lines.

Death at End of Raid.

During a night raid an observer on a big bombing machine noticed activity at a German aerodrome near his pilot's course. Landing lights were burning on the ground and signal lights were being fired from machines in the air and from the aerodrome.

The observer pointed this out to the pilot and suggested that one or two of the fourteen bombs they were carrying might be used advantageously over this German aerodrome. The pilot agreed.

The observer climbed into the nose of the machine, steered it with gestures hard toward the aerodrome. They drew nearer still, the roaring of their engine unchecked.

The Germans evidently thought it was a German machine returning from a raid. The British realized this and made no attempt to disguise their approach. The observer could see the hangars in the moonlight and the aerodrome itself with a little line of twinkling lights on it.

As he looked down he saw over the tops of the trees on the left of the aerodrome a great light appear and fade away, followed by another and another. They were being fired from an observing machine making a landing in order to light up the ground ahead of it. Each light threw the shadow of the airplane across the ground as though a ghostly machine of enormous size were scorching it home.

The British observer watched the progress of the machine, the position of which he could tell by the light on the top of its plane. He saw it glide slowly across the grass, touch the ground, bump slightly, roll along and then stop.

Suddenly two great yellow bombs were dropped out of the British machine into the night. After what seemed to be an age but was really a few seconds a burst of flame appeared right above the little red light and then another a little ahead of it. Two heavy thuds from explosions came to the observer's ears as he crawled back to his seat next to the pilot.

"You have done well," said the pilot, "but I am rather sorry for them as they must just have come back from a raid and were thinking their troubles were over."

By this time German machine guns were pumping bullets wildly into the air from the aerodrome. They did not touch the English machine, which winged its way up and to the eastward to unload the bulk of its deadly cargo over a famous factory of German munitions.

NEWEST PHOTO OF ROOSEVELT FAMILY AND SERVICE FLAG



Theodore Roosevelt and his family are proud of their record in this war. In the photograph are the colonel holding the baby of Archie, his son, who has been wounded in France; Capt. Archie Roosevelt's wife; Richard Derby, Jr., another grandson, holding the service flag; Mrs. Roosevelt, and Baby Edith Derby on the knee of her mother, who was Miss Ethel Roosevelt.

HOLLAND MINERS AGAIN THREATENING TO STRIKE

Declare Scarcity of Rations Makes It Impossible for Them to Do Heavy Work.

BY W. J. L. KIEHL.

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THE HAGUE, Holland, August 31.—The miners in Neerlen and Limburg are again threatening to strike because of the insufficient food given them. They say that the scanty rations induce underfeeding and this makes it impossible for them to do heavy work.

According to the Limburg Courier this underfeeding has already resulted in a diminution of the coal production of 150 ten-ton trucks per day, as compared with normal times. The mine director after conferring with the director of the government coal bureau declared that it could not be responsible for possible contingencies if the rations of the miners were not immediately increased.

There is a great shortage of potatoes in Amsterdam and Utrecht. In the latter place manifestations by thousands of people occurred, shops and bread carts being plundered. Amsterdam received rice rations instead of potatoes, but Utrecht had none, and the population was indignant.

One thousand truck loads of potatoes have been exported to Germany while the people of Holland suffer from want. On the other hand, I hear from the German border that the people there literally curse every truck load of coal which goes across the frontier into Holland in exchange for the 1,000 truck loads of potatoes, because there is scarcely any fuel in Germany.

Train and street car traffic, especially in Hamburg, is seriously impeded by the lack of fuel.

SPY PLANS TO WRITE HOME FOILED BY THE RED CROSS

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LONDON, August 29.—Complete success has attended the scheme of the American Red Cross to foil spies in the United States seeking to communicate with enemy countries. This organization is the official agency through which messages are transmitted from Americans to persons in enemy territory. The practice of permitting letters of this character is an outgrowth of the principle of international law which allows prisoners of war to send letters to friends at home and to receive letters from them.

The anti-spy system, though itself simple, involves a great amount of painstaking labor. On an average 300 such letters are sent daily from the United States to persons living beyond the enemy lines.

The system prevents all use of code. Any person wishing to send a message to a relative in Germany or Austria must write it in a Red Cross office in America, where the writer is personally known. There are such offices in every city and town in the United States. Messages thus written are sent properly certified through Red Cross headquarters in Washington. Here they are rewritten. Each letter is cut down in length and the wording is absolutely changed. Thus

all chance of using a clever code or invisible ink is eliminated. From the Red Cross headquarters the messages go to the censorship board by which they are passed or refused as the case may be. When they reach friends at home and the censorship board is a neutral country like Holland or Switzerland they are first translated, then put in another form and finally forwarded. In most cases they are delivered by the Red Cross organization of the country to which they are addressed.

Invention of a concrete freight car as a means of solving steel conservation and troop and supply transportation problems has been announced by a draftsman employed by the California state harbor commission.

Blaze in Tree During Rain Brings Out Fire Company

Engine company No. 4 was called out during the storm yesterday afternoon to put out a fire in top of a tree in the front yard of a vacant house at 1810 Half street southwest. It was caused by lightning. No damage was done.

DEATH-DEFYING ARMEN SHAME GERMAN FLIERS

Successful Attack on Mannheim Made in Face of Tremendous Opposition of Enemy.

BY EDWARD PRICE BELL.

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LONDON, August 31.—Ever more ruthless methods of attack mark the air operations of the allies against the Germans. Personal safety is disregarded.

Britons, Frenchmen, Italians and Americans give battle whether outnumbered or not. On the other hand, the enemy runs away unless he can oppose two or three machines to one of the allies.

American naval night bombers of the possession of the German coast are regularly busy now. They are making a great record.

Britons Teach Americans.

In this part of the war theater the Britons have won an outstanding position. All they have learned has been placed at the disposition of the Americans.

British night bombers punish the enemy remorselessly. Day bombers vie with their comrades of the night in driving home the lesson in the fatherland of what German war methods bring in the way of vengeance.

In one bombing raid on Mannheim last week, according to the official report, seven British planes were lost. This loss was admitted at once, and the admission caught the public imagination, inspiring confidence.

It was realized that while a number of intrepid airmen died the British fighting quality received a fresh demonstration and the German morale was new blow from their course or abandon the objects of their flight. Unlike the Germans in some of their visits over England, the Britons did not become panicky and drop their bombs wildly in fits.

The Germans had the single job of fighting, while the Britons had the dual task of fighting and bombing. Even so, three German machines were shot down while the British planes carried out a systematic attack on the chemical works at Mannheim.

Chemical Shortage Sure.

Great damage was done to the factories. Chemical horrors for the use of the German armies are not likely to reach the front for some time.

This Mannheim raid, like others recently made, shows how nervous are the German authorities concerning opinion in the bombed towns within their country. Unprecedented efforts are made to protect the threatened objectives.

Fighting planes in swarms attack

the British. Anti-aircraft guns have been multiplied by four.

British experts view the situation with satisfaction. Formerly the German outrages on the non-combatants in England compelled the authorities to divert artillery and airplanes, as well as man power, from the front without any corresponding military advantage as against the Germans.

Now these are reaping the whirlwind where their comrades of the fighting area weapons and men sorely needed by them. But even with these withdrawals they find themselves confronted as they are with death-defying adversaries, able to protect their vital places behind the lines.

AMONG THE CLUBS.

The Twentieth Century Club will resume its Red Cross work in the National Geographic building Tuesday morning. The room will be occupied by the club Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 4:30. The College Women's Club will use it Wednesdays and Fridays for the same hours.

The Petworth Women's Club at its recent community carnival given on the lawn of the Baptist Church realized a satisfactory sum which to carry on its work the coming winter. An exhibit of canned vegetables, dried fruits, was a leading feature of the evening. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. V. H. Whitman, Mrs. E. C. McElroy, Mrs. C. Bissell, Mrs. E. Gates, Mrs. Dr. Norcross, Mrs. J. B. Smith, Mrs. W. L. Gutelius, Mrs. Ethel Taylor, Mrs. H. Hill, Mrs. W. Truxell, Mrs. J. A. Russell, Mrs. Emma Hanks and Mrs. G. Jackson. Music was furnished by the Fraternity Band.

SOLDIERS' BILL GOES OVER.

Plan to Protect Homestead Rights of Youths Is Delayed.

Immediate consideration of an emergency resolution supplementing the Fall soldiers' homestead amendment of the bill, designed to prevent speculation in homestead rights of youths under twenty-one, was sought yesterday by Chairman Chamberlain of the military committee, but Senator Jones of New Mexico again objected and the resolution went over indefinitely.

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